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SUBJECT: ISRAEL BRITISH BANK (LONDON) LTD.

1. MR. ROBINSON OF NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL BANK RECENTLY INFORMED DEPT THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY ECON MINISTER SHER HAD INVITED CREDITORS' STEERING COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THEIR CLAIM AGAINST IBB/LONDON. ROBINSON BELIEVED INVITATION STEMMED FROM PRESSURE MOUNTED BY CREDITORS WITH ISRAEL'S FRIENDS IN CONGRESS, ESPECIALLY CONGRESSMAN VANIK'S OFFICE TO OBTAIN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.

2. ROBINSON TOLD DEPTOFF JAN 22 THAT VANIK'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED HIM THAT SHER, WHO RETURNED TO ISRAEL JAN 19 INTENDED TO TAKE UP IBB/LONDON MATTER WITH GOI. ROBINSON SAID HE HAS LEARNED THAT AMB DINITZ HAS NOW CABLED SHER URGING HIM IMPRESS UPON GOI IMPORTANCE OF FAVORABLE OUT-COME OF IBB/LONDON ISSUE. ROBINSON ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD ISSUE WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN OFFICES OF PRIME MINISTER AND FINANCE MINISTER. KISSINGER

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